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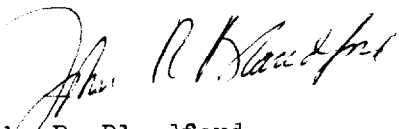
Dear Professor Lederberg:

I have your letter of July 1, 1970, concerning my statement during the hearings of this Committee that the United States used small pox against the British in the Revolutionary War.

While at the moment I cannot give you the quote, I recall reading that it was used by the Americans sometime during the American Revolutionary War and my recollection is that it was somewhere near Savannah, Georgia, and possibly in New York.

I have read a great many books about the American Revolution and I cannot recall exactly where I read that particular statement, but the writer referred to the attempt to inject either the British troops, or indians supporting the British, with small pox during the American Revolution. It is possible that I saw it in a book, "The Bloodybacks," by Reginald Hargreaves, but when time permits I will have to check further and try to give you a more definite reference.

Sincerely,


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